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SUBJECT: PUBLIC OPINION POLL PREDICTS LOSSES FOR SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

1. THE FIRST POLL MEASURING THE RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES PUBLISHED IN RECENT WEEKS HAS APPEARED IN APU MAGAZINE. IT SHOWS A CONTINUED DECLINE IN POPULARITY FOR THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS BUT NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT TRENDS ARE DISCRENABLE. IN FACT, ALLOWING FOR NORMAL STATISTICAL ERROR THE POLL REFLECTS THE CHARACTERISTIC STABILITY OF THE FRAGMENTED FINNISH POLITICAL SPECTRUM. WE ARE MOST SKEPTICAL OF THE LARGE PROPORTIONAL INCREASES IN THE TINY ENTREPRENEURS' PARTY AND THE VERY SMALL UNITY PARTY.

2. POLL RESULTS (SEE CODE BELOW):

	A	B	C	D	E
SDP	23.2	27.1	24.9	-3.9	-1.7
SKDL	19.0	17.5	18.9	P 1.5	P 0.1 (P - PLUS)
TPSL/STP	0.3	0.5	0.3	-0.2	0.0
TOTAL LEFT	42.5	45.2	44.1	-2.7	-1.6

KOK 18.1 18.1 18.4 0.0 -0.3

KEPU 17.1 18.0 17.6 -0.9 -0.5

SFP 5.5 5.2 5.0 P 0.3 P 0.5

LKP 5.1 5.2 4.3 -0.1 P 0.8

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SMP 3.1 5.0 3.6 -1.9 -0.5

SKL 3.5 2.0 3.3 P 1.5 P 0.2

SKYP 2.5 - 1.7 P 2.5 P 0.8

SPK 1.7 - 1.6 P 1.7 P 0.1

SYP 0.9 0.2 0.4 P 0.7 P 0.6

TOTAL NON-

SOCIALIST 57.5 54.5 55.9 3.0 1.6

SDP - SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SKDL - FINNISH PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE

TPSL/STP - FORMERLY WORKERS AND SMALL FARMERS SOCIALIST
LEAGUE, NOW SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

KOK - CONSERVATIVES

KEPU - CENTER

SFP - SWEDISH PEOPLES PARTY

LKP - LIBERAL PEOPLES PARTY

SMP - RURAL PARTY

SKL - CHRISTIAN LEAGUE

SKYP - UNITY PARTY

SPK - CONSTITUTIONALIST PARTY

SYP - ENTREPRENEURS PARTY

A - JUNE 1976 POLL

B - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 1972

C - PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 1975

D - DIFFERENCE COMPARED WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTIONS IN 1972

E - DIFFERENCE COMPARED WITH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
IN 1975

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